

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pages 1 and 2, amend the paragraph starting on page 1 at line 22 and ending on page 2 at line 6 as follows:

Some solutions have already been proposed to solve these problems. For example, documents EP 0 734 197 B1, ~~US 5 544 979~~ US 5 554 979, EP 0 503 699 A1 disclose a remote control intended to send a beam aimed at the object to be turned on or off with a narrow transmission angle. Such solution, however, exhibits the problem of having to provide a receiver having a very wide reception angle, in order to allow the use of this system from any angle. Moreover, no appliance addressing device is provided in these documents (that is, the aimed object has no address of its own), thereby affecting the system expansibility and integrability.